

Quiz 1

General Instructions:

You must complete all three sections of this quiz as directed in each individual section's instructions. Should you have any doubts, make sure that you ask your professor for clarification during the first 15 minutes of the quiz. After that time, no questions will be allowed. Your answers must be written in pen and in clear, easy-to-read handwriting.

Part I. Comma splices and run-ons. Check all of the following sentences for mistakes and re-write their corrected versions in the space that follows. (7 pts)

1. Leon studied hard, he passed Freshman Composition.

2. No two towns are the same, they each have their own characteristics.

3. The largest tree by volume in the world is the General Sherman Sequoia it is a little over 52,500 cubic feet.

4. I told the children I would read to them they said they wanted to sit by me so they could look at the pictures.

5. I revise my papers, also I proofread them carefully.

6. Jane saved money for a year, however she still could not buy a car.

7. Toni Morrison is a professor at Princeton University she wrote the novel *The Bluest Eye*.

Part II. Fragments. The following paragraph contains eight (8) fragments. Underline the fragments and then write a corrected version for them in the spaces provided below.
(8 pts)

The game of Monopoly was created by Charles Darrow. After he had lost his job during the Great Depression. Remembering family vacations at the seashore. He wrote Atlantic City street names on the kitchen oilcloth and added splashes of color to them. Then he typed up title deeds. And cut tiny houses and hotels from scraps of wood. He invented a game that is family played every night. Using buttons for play money. Soon friends were playing, too. And wanted to buy their own games. Darrow made more sets of his game. Which he sold for \$2.50 apiece. He presented his game to Parker Brothers, but the company wouldn't buy it. Because the executives didn't think it would be popular. They changed their minds after 5,000 games had been sold. Darrow soon became a millionaire. Today an estimated 250,000,000 Monopoly games have been sold. The game is available in 103 countries. Also in 37 languages.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Part III. Outlining. Complete the following outline based on the paragraph right after it.
(5 pts)

Topic Sentence: Changes in our society in recent years have weakened family life.

A. Mothers

1. _____
2. Children now stay at after school programs, with neighbors or alone at home

B. Eating habits

1. Formerly full homemade meals, eaten together
2. _____

C. _____

1. Back then, families would share more together while having meals
2. _____

Concluding Sentence: _____

Changes in the Family

Changes in our society in recent years have weakened family life. First of all, today's mothers spend much less time with their children. A generation ago, most houses got by on Dad's paycheck, and Mom stayed home. Now many mothers work, and their children attend an after school program, stay with a neighbor, or go home to an empty house. Another change is that families no longer eat together. In the past, Mom would be home and fix a full dinner –salad, pot roast, potatoes, and vegetables, with homemade cake or pie to top it off. Dinner today is more likely to be takeout food or TV dinners eaten at home, or fast food eaten out, with different members of the family eating at different times. Finally, television has taken the place of family conversation and togetherness. Back when there were meals together, family members would have a chance to eat together, talk with each other, and share event of the day in a leisurely manner. But now families are more likely to be looking at the TV set than talking to one another. Many homes even have several TV sets, which people watch in separate rooms. Clearly, modern life is a challenge to family life.

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Exercises adapted from:

<http://write.siu.edu/Handouts/Comma%20Splices.pdf> for comma splices

<http://writing.umn.edu/sws/assets/pdf/quicktips/run-ons.pdf> on run on sentences

http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/dl/free/0073123765/367763/lan71637_ch05_059_070.pdf